

THANK YOU

Thanks for your vote of confidence September 21, 1993. In return, I pledge to you a continued sincere, dedicated effort to work with the Mayor, and other City Council members, in a congenial, professional and democratic manner. I feel that all citizens of Elba, and our trade area deserve honest, dedicated government. My prayers have been, and will continue to be, that all decisions will be for the best interest of the majority. I plan to continue giving my best in helping deliver this to you.

I hope you will continue to bring forth any ideas, suggestions, and problems that you might have at any time. Please feel free and welcome to call me and/or visit council meetings at any time. I will always be available - with the exception of an occasional fishing trip.

May we all work together in a harmonious manner in solving problems that will continue helping our community be a more enjoyable place to live, work and play and educate our children. I have plenty of time to work toward these goals and with your help we will surely obtain them.

Thanks,

John L. Ayers, Mayor



D.A.R.E. CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY...of the inception of the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program in the United States. The program promised to help prevent illegal drug use among young people and has had a phenomenal success. A recent survey revealed that more than 10 million students per year are going through the D.A.R.E. Program. More than 90% of the D.A.R.E. graduates believe that the program has helped them to avoid the use of drugs and alcohol and at the same time, it has increased their self-confidence and enabled them to deal with peer pressure more effectively. Pictured above is Elba Mayor Ricky Haywood as he signed a proclamation designating September 9 as D.A.R.E. Day. Joining the mayor were D.A.R.E. students, Assistant Police Chief Maxwell Hooks, Buddy Windham, and D.A.R.E. Officer Johnny Smith.

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a week's pay held back before receiving their first pay check. The measure for them becomes effective immediately.

Present employees will have their first day's pay deducted beginning with their September 30th pay check.

DUMP

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Following graduation from the academy, troopers are first assigned to the Highway Patrol Division under the supervision of a field training officer and must complete a 12-month probationary period.

The addition of the new troopers to the Public Safety's workforce will

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The county will be concerned only with cleaning up those dumps which are located on the right-of-ways of county roads.

It is quite possible that landown-

ers will be required to clean up illegal dumps located on private property.

The Health Department has hired an enforcement officer to enforce mandatory garbage pick up. Stephens commented that it will probably fall under the jurisdiction of the enforcement officer to see that all illegal dumps cease to exist. Also it will be his or her responsibility to see that existing dumps are properly cleaned up.

Stephens noted that probably it is just a matter of time before the county will have to address trash pick up and the proper disposition of it.

Due to federal and state regulations, the county was forced to construct a Subtitle D landfill for the disposition of all solid waste.

Effective October 9, ALL solid waste MUST be properly disposed of in a Subtitle D landfill. There are NO exceptions.

It is just a matter of time before landfills to handle inert trash will be required with NO EXCEPTIONS. At that point, counties will have to make it mandatory that trash is picked up and properly disposed of.

MacArthur Tech. To Begin Nursing Assistant Training In The Fall

MacArthur State Technical College will add Nursing Assistant training to its current eighteen programs of study this Fall. The new course has been designed to provide individuals interested in the health care field the skills necessary to work as a nursing assistant in a hospital, nursing home, home health agency, or other healthcare facility. The program is structured so that it may be completed in two quarters or approximately six months and will be taught by MacArthur Tech faculty on the premises of Mizzell Memorial Hospital and with the use of appropriate health care facilities.

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Coffee County Commission approves \$7,252,413 budget for FY-94

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

The Coffee County Commission approved a \$7,252,413.00 budget for Fiscal Year 1994 and also set more dumping fees for the new landfill in Monday's commission meeting.

Included in the more than \$7.2 million budget are: a 2.5 percent raise for county employees, an additional deputy for the sheriff's department, and the \$1.45 million set aside for landfill construction and operation.

Commission Chairman Robert Stephens noted that the county "operated in the black last year" for the first time in several years.

The commission, during the past year, did not have to borrow any money from the banks to operate.

Stephens praised all county departments for their work in coming up with an excellent budget. It is a balanced budget with a small contingency fund.

This budget exceeds last year's budget by just under \$2 million.

The other main item of business which drew much discussion from commission members was tipping fees for none contract users of the landfill.

Contracts were signed in Monday's meeting agreeing to accept solid waste from Cio, Dorsey Trailers, Louisville, and International Service Systems.

A provisional contract was signed with Cutler Edge to handle their solid waste.

Contracts are already in place to accept solid waste from Opp, Andalusia, Fairview Landscaping from Ft. Rucker, all cities & towns in Coffee County, and the Southeast Alabama Solid Waste Disposal Authority.

The Authority is composed of Barbour, Dale, Geneva, Henry, and Houston counties.

In another landfill related matter, the commission signed a resolution giving the go-ahead to apply for a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$173,000.

The cost to the county will be approximately \$33,000.00.

These funds, should the grant be approved, will be used toward the installation of a water system to supply residents living near the landfill and others with water.

The system will also supply the landfill with water.

The New Hope Water System has already agreed to supply water to the system. There is also a possibility that the City of Elba could be used

Turning to the matter of a fee for residents bringing their own garbage to the landfill, Commissioner Sid Averett felt that \$4 was too much to charge county residents.

"They'll pay \$16 a month and that's too much," he said.

Again, several minutes of discussion ensued, but no one was able to come up with a figure or suggestion on how to charge individual residents.

Finally, Chairman Stephens made a motion that a \$4 fee be set with the understanding that the commission could adjust or change it at a later date. His motion passed.

It was noted that in order for an individual to dispose of his or her own garbage, it must be approved by the county health department.

Commissioner Averett noted that county citizens whose only source of income is from Social Security are exempt from paying garbage collection fees.

But, they are not exempt from having to place their garbage, whether it be by commercial hauler or themselves, in a Subtitle D landfill.

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The New Hope Water System has already agreed to supply water to the system. There is also a possibility that the City of Elba could be used

as a source of water for the system. Several wells of residents living in the vicinity of the landfill have tested positive for water contamination.

Should the grant be received, it will take more than 6 months to get the system operative.

Commissioners gave the go ahead for the installation of a well at the landfill site at a cost of \$1,440,000.

Mark Pugh, with Carter, Darnell & Grubbs Engineering, presented plans to commissioners for the closing of the present landfill.

Upon their approval, the plans will be sent to ADEM (Alabama Department of Environmental Management) for evaluation and approval.

Other items of business conducted by the commission was as follows:

***Awarded bid for #5 crushed stone to Southeast Materials of Birmingham, AL.

***Southeast Materials also received the contract for #78 crushed stone.

***Choclaw of Montgomery, AL was low bidder on supplying pre-lab concrete bridge piers.

***Agreed to assist the Forestry Commission in preparation of a site for a new office building. The facility will be constructed where the trailer housing the offices is now located.

Autopsy reveals sniper's bullet killed hostage

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

An autopsy by pathologists with the Alabama Department of Forensic Science revealed that the hostage

sniper. Also killed during the incident was Neapolian Verdye Burrows, age 28, of New Brockton.

The autopsy report on Burrows revealed that he died as a result of a

sniper's bullet. The fatal shot was fired from a 12-gauge shotgun loaded with 00-buckshot.

He also sustained wounds to his right elbow and in his abdomen. These wounds were inflicted by police officers firing 9mm automatic pistols. Shotgun pellets also struck Burrows in the left wrist.

A third shot was fired from a 9mm pistol but it struck the pavement missing Burrows.

DeVane stated that these were the only rounds fired as the gunman and two hostages exited the store.

The gunman's weapon, a 38 caliber revolver, was not fired outside the store.

However, Burrows had fired his weapon inside the store at least three times during the incident. One employee of Bealls was shot in the leg by the gunman. She later ran from the store.

Another Bealls clerk was struck by Burrows in the face with his weapon. She also was able to escape the store.

Prior to giving the results of the autopsies, DeVane recapped the events of Tuesday leading up to the fatal shootings.

Reading from a prepared statement, DeVane stated that on Tuesday, September 21, 1993, at approximately 1:30 p.m., the Enterprise Police Department received a complaint advising that a robbery/hostage situation existed at Bealls Department Store in Enterprise.

Officers responding to the scene were advised that a lone gunman described as a black male, armed with a pistol, had robbed the store and was holding an unknown number of hostages.

Two Bealls employees, the one shot in the leg and the one struck in the face, who were able to escape



GARBAGE CANS ARE EVERYWHERE-EVERYWHERE...as Waste Away prepares to distribute garbage containers to county residents. The county's new Subtitle D landfill opens Monday, October 4, and mandatory garbage pick-up becomes effective on the same day. Additional information can be found in an ad printed in this newspaper - paid for by Waste Away Group, Inc.

the store, told police that the gunman was raping hostages who remained in the store.

Additional information was being supplied to police by notes being passed to them by a store employee and three customers hiding in an upstairs area of the store.

Police established contact with the gunman at approximately 3:35 p.m. when he called 911. Information was relayed via radio to police on the scene by the 911 operator.

"The dispatcher was requested by the dispatcher to call police on the scene but refused," DeVane said. "He further refused to negotiate. After numerous requests by the dispatcher, the gunman agreed to allow police to call him."

Telephone contact was established with the gunman by a designated Enterprise police hostage negotiator, Burrows, who during the ordeal refused to identify himself, demanded that police get out of the area and allow him to escape.

When the negotiator asked the gunman his name, Burrows told him "you could read it on my epiphany."

DeVane said, "The gunman stated to police he knew what was going to happen to him, and he would get off at least one shot to the hostages."

During the negotiations, Burrows was assured that no one would get hurt if he would cooperate with police and give himself up.

Reportedly, he told the negotiator that he knew he would be going to prison for life and hung up the phone.

Police were once again able to establish a telephone link with Burrows at which time he requested food.

It was while police were in the process of honoring Burrows' request for food when he unexpectedly exited the store with two female hostages.

This information will be made known to the media once it is available.

During the press conference, Investigator Steve Weekly, who is with the Alabama Bureau of Investigation, was seated at the table with DeVane.

He further noted that toxicology reports which will show the contents of Burrows' blood are not yet complete. This analysis should reveal if Burrows had taken any drugs or drank any alcohol prior to or during the incident.

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Local school boards must comply with new state laws

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

School students in all three Coffee County school systems have received notification that their respective school boards would be complying with the provision of two new state laws.

One of these laws will hold parents responsible for the acts of their minor child. The law (Act 93-672) holds parents or guardians responsible for a child enrolling and attending school and the conduct of this child while in school. School officials are required to report suspected violations to the District Attorney. A person guilty of violating this law can be fined \$100 and sentenced to 90 days hard labor for the county.

The other law (Act 93-368) will deny a driver's license to any person under the age of 19 who has not graduated high school and is not enrolled and attending high school. This will include students who are suspended or expelled from school and those in jail. There are some exceptions to the revoking of the license, but school officials and/or court officials will make this decision on a case by case basis.

The law requires school officials to notify the Department of Public Safety of the withdrawal of any student, age 16 or older. This includes situations of 10 consecutive or 15 total unexcused absences during a semester.

Then this happens, the De-

* * HAPPENINGS * *

CITY COUNCIL MEETING The Elba City Council will hold its regular meeting Thursday (today), September 30, at 6:15 p.m. at city hall. The meeting was scheduled for Monday, Sept. 27th.

RUN-OFF ELECTION The run-off election for the Elba City Council will be held Tuesday, October 5, 1993. District 1 will be the only district involved in the run-off election. Gladys Yelverton, the incumbent, will be running it off with L.M. Burch.

SWEARING-IN Newly elected members to the Elba City Council will be sworn in on Monday evening, October 11, at the council's first regular meeting.

NO ELBA TIGER FOOTBALL FRIDAY NIGHT

***** DEADLINES *****
SOCIAL NEWS - 5 P.M. MONDAY
ALL OTHER NEWS & ADS - NOON TUESDAY

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

The news on the hostage situation in Enterprise last Tuesday hasn't gotten any better. The man sexually assaulted two women, both the man and one of the hostages was killed, and a single bullet from a police officer killed them both. There isn't much anyone can say good about that mess. We can be thankful it wasn't worse.

We always thought that when the state passed a law, everyone in the state was legally bound to obey it. We always thought people in a position of authority were also honor bound to set examples. However, in Montgomery the MAYOR has decreed that police officers don't have to obey the seat belt law if they don't want to. Shame, shame! Of course there is no one to write them a ticket for violating the law, but they ain't setting a very good example. In this day and time when so many people feel their wants are above the law, the last person who should be displaying that attitude is a law enforcement officer.

We found a way to clear folks away from the room housing the main television set at our house. One evening this past weekend we flipped to the public TV channel and began watching a report on DNA research. The DNA is the stuff we are all made of. Studying it shows we are simultaneously very much the same and very much different from each other, from monkeys and from the flowers in the yard. Probably what turned off folks around this particular household was the dissecting of a chunk of frozen human brain and putting it under the microscope for a closer look. It may have been because of the research man who was cutting up that little ole worm for the same purpose. Whatever, we thought it was an hour well spent, even if we were all alone most of the time!

The Clinton health care plan leaves us with mixed emotions. Basically, we don't approve of government involvement in our lives. However, there is a problem in the area of medical care. Personally, our family has a history of relatively good health, with no expensive trips to the doctor, but that could change any day. We hear so many horror stories of huge medical bills and cancelled insurance, we waver on our idea of keeping the government out of our lives. We accept the idea that this plan will dig into our pocketbooks even deeper... that goes with government programs. But, Americans might be able to sleep better if we know our medical insurance will be there when we need it.

The weather is turning cooler, finally! That is good news to those of us who are tired of hot weather. However, this means we will be shivering from the cold within a few weeks. Fall is a beautiful time of the year, the colors of the leaves are great, the temperature is not too hot and it ain't too cold. The next time God is redesigning this earth, we suggest He give us a lot of Fall and a lot of Spring.

There is still no official word out of Montgomery on a special session of the Alabama Legislature to deal with the idea of legalizing gambling. The supporters of the legalized gaming idea continue to add new wrinkles to their plans in hopes of gathering enough support to get the special session started. Governor Folsom has yet to indicate he will call the special session. The vote last week by the Montgomery school board, opposing legalized gambling, sure didn't help the cause of the gambling interest but they ain't giving up yet.



MIKE'S GYM

will open at a new location on

Monday, October 4th.

Their brand new 4200 square foot facility is located just behind the Big Little Store in Elba. All services will still be available 24 hours a day, and additional activities will be offered.

A playground and kid's playroom, dance classes, karate, tanning beds, separate showers and other activities have been added.

Debra Boyd, owner of Jen-Deb Dance Studio in Enterprise, will offer dance classes in the new dance/aerobics room.

Aerobics will be taught Monday and Tuesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 beginning October 11. Contact the gym or call Sabrina Kelley at 897-5195.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Cox,

Many questions are on the minds of many people of Coffee County. How and why was the landfill pushed on people near Elba and near White Water Creek and not from Pea River? I noticed on Hwy. 167, just north of the Sid Averett Health Center, an ideal location for the landfill yet it was pushed off on people over near Elba.

Do you think that the time will come when people take matters in their own hands? If they do, the commissioners might have to hire body guards. Rumors are that some people are fed up of paying taxes that seems they are not used wisely.

It is understood that taxes paid for a new health center building on Hwy. 167 north of Enterprise. On the building are the words, S. A. "Sid" Averett Health Center. How in the world did that come about? Maybe he holds a monopoly over the other commissioners. With the taxes being paid by the people of Coffee County, paying for the building, people of Coffee County believe the words should be Coffee County Health Center.

I am not in favor of any tax increase to build a new courthouse in

Enterprise. If I understood the newspaper correctly, the courthouse there could be repaired and brought up to standards. I don't know if someone is playing politics or pocket-ticks. I also understand that the Coffee County Courthouse in Enterprise was, and is, only a branch of the main Coffee County Courthouse in Elba.

I would vote to move all Coffee County records from the Coffee County Courthouse branch in Enterprise to the Coffee County Courthouse in Elba, or build a new Coffee County Courthouse on a high hill in Elba. I will vote against any tax increase of any kind until I know that taxes are used wisely and are needed.

As of now, I would vote to sell the Coffee County Courthouse branch building in Enterprise to Sid Averett and who over there that is so set on everything being in Enterprise. Maybe they could make them a city of their own.

Sincerely,
J. L. Edgar
366 Donaldson St.
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ELBA POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, September 21, 1993, investigated the following incidents: three thefts, one shooting into a dwelling, one vehicle damage, five criminal trespasses, two burglaries, one vehicle fire, one damage to property, one public intoxication, two harassments, one denial of child custody, and one missing person. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: two for speeding.

The following arrests were made: one for reckless endangerment, one for enticing a child to enter, one for theft, and one for public intoxication.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 - Vehicle burglary in Dorsey Trailers' parking lot (7:24 p.m.); Disturbance reported at Burch's Trailer Court (7:34 p.m.); Shots reported fired on Taylor Mill Road (9:14 p.m.).

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of September 20, 1993 through September 26, 1993. They were: Christopher Flowers, Louise Rogers, Amelia Patel, William Twilley, Mary Culpepper, Evelyn Bryant, Mary Daniels, Bobby Kelley, Marie Pouncey, Erica Wilkerson, Wallace Kelley, Ida Hooks, Teresa Gilbert, Alicia Culpepper, Etta Groswood, and Leroy Lovord.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Emma Nolin, Matilda Pearson, Douglas Marler, Leola Mitchell, Ronald Boone, Christopher Flowers, Kawan Johnson, Mavis Beckworth, Jeanette Tice, Teresa Gilbert, Eric Wilkerson, Amelia Patel, Mary Daniels, Marie Pouncey, Wallace Kelley, Bobby Kelley, William Twilley, and Louise Rogers.

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FROM THE HOUSE

Congressman
Terry Everett

Bigger Government Not the Answer to Health Care

There is little doubt that our nation's health care system needs reform. You won't find many in Washington who'll disagree with that.

With nearly 20 million Americans uninsured, and skyrocketing medical costs, everyone here in the Congress is devoted to solving this national problem. But I must tell you that there are some serious flaws in the proposal offered by the Administration last week.

Six months ago, the American people heard our president deliver an uplifting speech about his budget, only to learn afterward that "savings" meant tax increases on Social Security benefits, "spending cuts" meant \$300 billion in new federal spending and "sacrifice" meant middle class families and small businesses would be hit by higher taxes.

Remember, too, after his budget speech 80 percent of the public polled said they were in favor of it. Less than five months later, 70 percent were opposed and it passed by the slimmest of margins in the House and Senate.

First, there's the issue of bigger government. The Administration's plan establishes three new levels of big government bureaucracy, places \$900 billion in government hands, and adds about 50,000 bureaucrats to the government work force.

Frankly, a system that's 100 percent broken does not need a 100 percent overhaul. Then there's the matter of a 7.9 percent payroll tax. This new burden on employers will result in great job loss.

The Employment Policy Institute estimates that as many as 3 million Americans will lose their jobs as

a result of the Administration health package's burden on business. The president talks about Savings, Security and Simplicity, but the Administration's plan raises serious questions about Cost, Care and Control.

Cost: For example, it would require \$345 billion in new federal spending, while raising \$156 billion in new taxes over the next six years. Care: Under the Administration plan, the quality and quantity of health care for all Americans will be changed forever. Some Americans would no longer be free to choose their own doctors and many would be forced to choose lower-priced, managed health care plans.

Control: The federal government will control every aspect of your family's health care under the Administration plan. This includes three new levels of bureaucracy consisting of a National Health Board, Regional Health Alliances, and state enforcement agencies.

Bigger government and more spending are not the answer. A reasoned approach which provides security by eliminating the fear of losing your coverage, controls escalating costs through malpractice and productivity reform, and requires uniform billing practices is a good start.

The issue of health care reform will not be solved by blanket promises and government mandates. As the Congress begins to evaluate all the health care reform plans, I hope that we can move forward as quickly as possible to develop a bipartisan solution. I'll keep you informed here.

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WILLIAM HAROLD TUCKER

William Harold Tucker, age 68 of Elba, Alabama, died Thursday morning, December 3, 1992 at Flowers Hospital following a short illness.

It was Mr. Tucker's request that his body be donated to medical research so that others might benefit. Memorial services were held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, September 25, 1993 at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, with Reverend Mack King, Henry Dorsey, and Jim Fillinim officiating.

Burial followed in the Hillcrest Cemetery, Elba, AL, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to one's favorite charity. A native of Coffee County, Mr. Tucker had lived in the Elba area most all of his life. He was a veteran of World War II, having served honorably with the U. S. Army Air Corps in the European Theater. Mr. Tucker was an electrician with Dorsey Trailers in Elba for some 32 years. An ardent ham radio operator, he was a former member of the Enterprise Radio Club and was a member of the Opp Radio Club. Mr. Tucker was a Mason and a member of the Westside Baptist Church of Elba.

Survivors include his wife, Adelle Barrentine Tucker of Elba, AL; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jackie and Carol Tucker of Enterprise, AL and Thomas Tucker of Hot Springs Arkansas; two daughters and a son-in-law, Donna Caldwell of Ozark, AL and Cinda and Warren McLeod, don also of Ozark, AL; a brother and sister-in-law, Ed and Anne Tucker of Elba, AL; 6 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Dorsey began moving into their new facilities in 1944 and completed it in early 1945. It was the first time he had approached it since. Not all at one time. When he did not run again, we wanted him back. He had a son, Billy, that was near my age but I always liked P. and he showed his friendship for me. We got along great.

Dorsey started before WWII and during it in our Altes. They made the best stump pullers and log skidders the world had ever seen. The Philippines found that the skidders would pull mahogany logs 6 feet in diameter and more out of the swamps.

This was the biggest day Elba had ever seen. The Montgomery paper does not mention it, I am almost sure that reporter had gathered material for this story in advance of the big day. Dorsey bought lots of their material and products, that went into production, from Montgomery businesses. What I am trying to say is I believe that I remember a huge barbecue was held on that day. Of course the E awards were presented by high rank members of the War Department to Uncle Pete and the employees that made it possible.

It is rather ironic, that such a short time as Uncle Pete was back in his glory of a job well done, that he had a heart attack and died. He was born on January 24, 1881 and died March 22, 1945.

In those days every way was devised possible to save weight for overseas air mail to service men. The Postal Department came up with a tissue thin, light weight, one letter that you folded and used the same piece for an envelope.

The Red Cross was to notify servicemen of the deaths of loved ones at home. I immediately wrote Kimmie, expressing my sympathy upon the death of Uncle Pete. Little did I know the Red Cross had not gotten word to Kimmie or Henry. Henry had been transferred to another outfit and was no longer with the Elba Company he left with. Kimmie told me later that he went to Henry and told him of the death.

I am not privy to the details of Uncle Pete's last will and testament. I assumed that Claude had already been made a partner and owned a one-half interest. He was an only child. I do know that upon Uncle Pete's death, he finally acknowledged the very great contribution that James Vardie Wright had made to creating this empire. I have been left to understand that J. V. got one-fourth of Dorsey Trailers. By that time it was a considerable amount. This is when Claude became President and James Vardie Wright became Vice-President. Of course, Claude was very young, only 30 years old, but he was capable and still had J. V. at his right hand.

I told you I had a lot to say and I am not through yet. Hope I am recording things for history without being boring.

Beginning October 1 and extending through the month of November, the Elba Lions Club members will be selling light bulbs as a means of raising funds to support the local sight program. A six pack carton of 60, 75 or 100 watt, 130 volt long-life bulbs made by Sylvania with the Lion Logo will be available from any member at a cost of \$5.00.

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AREA DEATHS

Social Notes

Miss Dunn To Wed Mr. Ward On Saturday, October 16th



Miss Dunn & Mr. Ward

Deadline For Social & Church News Is Monday!!!!!!

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Dunn of Brundidge, Alabama announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Teresa Lynn Dunn to James Keith Ward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Ray Ward of Jack, Alabama.

The marriage will take place October 16 at 7:00 p.m. at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Brundidge, Alabama.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mary E. Norris and the late Ralph Norris of Goshen and of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stewart of Brundidge and the late W. J. Dunn of Ozark.

She is a 1992 graduate of Arion High School and is currently attending Troy State University. She is employed by Wiley Sanders Truck Lines in Troy.

The bridegroom-to-be is the grandson of Bular Owens and the late Buford Owens of Jack and the late Ray Ward of New Hope.

He is a 1989 graduate of Zion Chapel High School and is currently employed by A-1 Construction.

No formal invitations are being sent, but all friends and relatives are invited.



Mr. & Mrs. Thomas

Miss Terri Finner & Mr. Ricky Thomas United In Marriage

Terri Finner and Ricky Thomas were married on August 27, 1993. The bride is the daughter of Lester and Lou Ellen Finner of Elba. The bridegroom's parents are the late Terri and Martha Jo Thomas of Goodman.

The couple will reaffirm their vows at 2:00 on the afternoon of October 23 at Goodman Baptist Church. No local invitations are being sent. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

MacArthur Tech. Nursing Graduates Pinned

Summer quarter graduates of the practical nursing program at Douglas MacArthur State Technical College were honored during a pinning ceremony on August 27, 1993. During

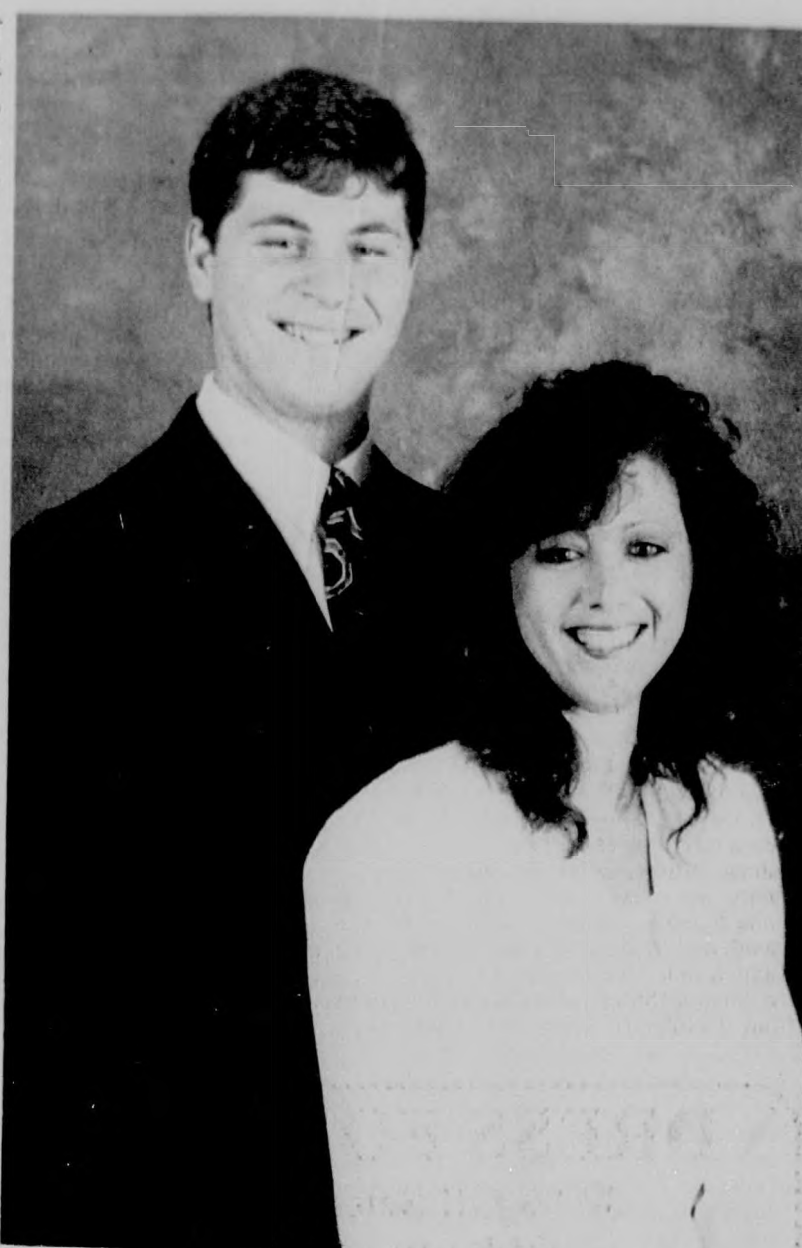
Miss Brooks And Mr. Fundum Announce November Wedding Plans

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Brooks of Elba, Alabama announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Anissa Angelina, to Shane Patrick Fundum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene E. Fundum of Huntsville, Alabama and Ms. Pat Cooper of Roanoke, Virginia.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pope, all of Elba. Miss Brooks is a 1988 graduate of Elba High School, and a 1990 graduate of Enterprise State Junior College where she earned an Associate in Arts degree. She is also a 1993 graduate of Troy State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management.

The future groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Fundum of Norfolk, Nebraska and Mr. Andrew Johnson of Natural Bridge, Virginia and Mrs. Ellen Stull of Colonial Heights, Virginia. He is a 1989 graduate of Grissom High School of Huntsville, Alabama and a 1993 graduate of Troy State University with a Bachelor's degree in Accounting.

The wedding will take place at 2:00 p.m. on November 6, 1993, with a reception at their home at 816 Putnam Street, Elba. Friends and family were welcomed into their home by sons, Fred Jr., Farrell, and David, and by their daughter-in-law, Kathy Smith. Guests were registered by Sharon Smith, daughter-in-law from Columbus, Georgia. Grand-



Mr. Fundum & Miss Brooks

MacArthur Tech. Nursing Graduates Pinned

the ceremony, held at the First Baptist Church in Opp, Ms. Sherry Key delivered the ceremony address. Ms. Key is the director of nursing at the Troy-Pike Area Vocational Center in Troy, Alabama.

Graduates from the local area participating in the pinning ceremony were: Donna Michele Daniels of Glenwood, Mary Nell Gaspard of New Brockton, and Kip Rowell of Elba.

DeVane Reunion To Be Held October 2nd

There will be a DeVane Family Reunion at the Elba American Legion, Saturday, October 2 at 1 p.m. Bring your favorite dish and everyone in your family.

There will be a program about one of the ancestors following the meal and then there will be family introductions with pictures taken that afternoon. On display will be Civil

War Pension Applications of the DeVanes from Alabama, Florida and Georgia. There will also be the Revolutionary War Pension Application for viewing.

Miss Alba Honored With Miscellaneous Bridal Shower

About one hundred people gathered at the home of Mrs. Dwight Kelley this past Sunday afternoon to express their joy and best wishes to Miss Perry Alba. Miss Alba is the bride elect of Mr. Richie Jacobs. As the guests gathered at Carolyn Kelley's lovely home, they were greeted by their hostess, who in turn introduced them to the honoree, her mother, Mrs. Patricia Alba, and Mrs. Richard Jacobs, mother of the groom. Guests were registered by Miss Mary Stephens, niece of the groom and served refreshments by the groom's sisters, Mrs. Larry Grantham and Mrs. Daniel Stephens. Assisting their mothers with the refreshments were Misses Melissa Grantham and Elizabeth Stephens. The guests were served petite fours, decorated with forest green and burgundy flowers, punch, nuts and handmade wedding bell mints. The punch was served from a beautiful silver punch bowl and accompanying silver trays held the food. The young couple was presented with many beautiful and useful gifts by their friends and relatives. At the close of the shower, Perry presented each of the hostesses with an heirloom pewter Christmas ornament as a thank you.

Hostesses for the occasion were Margaret Davis, Martha Oggs, Ellen Lowery, Linda Berry, Peggy Stroud, Betty Parker, Linda Westbrook, Nell Cook, Lois English, Henrietta Grimes, Barbara Hudson, Judy Melo, Pam Besdole, Elaine Bryan, Melroy Morrow, Carolyn Kelley, Charlotte Anderson, Berrie Boland, Linda Rushing, Verne Walker, Syble Hendrickson, and Catherine Spurlin.



Pictured above (seated): Miss Perry Alba, honoree; (standing, l to r): Mrs. Patricia Alba, Mrs. Carolyn Kelley and Mrs. Frances Jacobs.

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Mr. & Mrs. Fred Smith Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith Sr. Honored On Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith Sr., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, August 29, 1993, with a reception at their home at 816 Putnam Street, Elba. Friends and family were welcomed into their home by sons, Fred Jr., Farrell, and David, and by their daughter-in-law, Kathy Smith. Guests were registered by Sharon Smith, daughter-in-law from Columbus, Georgia. Grand-

daughters Stephanie Smith and Jennifer Clark served refreshments with assistance from Brandon and Ashley Smith and Robin Clements from Mobile. A delicious bar-b-que dinner was served by Dot and Fred in their beautiful back yard to over 100 friends and family members. An additional 100 visited during the afternoon from Columbus, Georgia. Grand-

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Thank God For Fleas

Corrie Ten Boom in "The Hiding Place" relates an incident that taught her always to be thankful. She and her sister, Betsy, had just been transferred to the worst German prison camp they had seen yet, Ravensbrück. On entering the barracks, they found them extremely overcrowded and flea infested.

That morning their scripture reading had reminded them to rejoice always, pray constantly, and give thanks in all circumstances. Betsy told Corrie to stop and thank the Lord for their new living quarters. Corrie at first refused to give thanks for the fleas, but Betsy persisted, and Corrie finally agreed. During the months spent at that camp, they were amazed to find how openly they

could hold Bible study and prayer meeting without guards interfering. It was not until several months later that they learned the reason the guards would not enter the barracks was because of the fleas.

This is to remind us that things which seem so bad can often have positive results.

Even in the face of disappointment and trial, we can believe that God is with us to sustain us. And we can be thankful even for fleas.

Revival Services Planned At Mt. Vernon Assembly

The Mt. Vernon Assembly of God Church is planning a revival for Sunday, October 30, 1993, at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, located in the

Services will begin at 7:00 night.

The visiting evangelist will be Billy Cardwell. Donnie Earles, pastor at Mt. Vernon Assembly invites everyone to attend.

Elba Church Of God To Have Prophetic Conference

The Elba Church Of God will have a prophetic conference starting Sunday, October 3-6. Services will begin at 6 p.m. on Sunday evening and 7 p.m. Monday - Wednesday.

The guest speaker will be Pastor and Prophet Hiron Williams.

Westside Baptist Church Celebrates Worship Time

The people of Westside Baptist Church will announce a change in the time of their Sunday Morning Bible Study and worship.

The new schedule will begin Sunday, October 3rd. The pastor and people of Westside would like to extend an invitation to everyone to come and worship with them Sunday.

Benefit Sing To Be Held For John Wayne Grantham

There will be a benefit singing held for John Wayne Grantham on October 2 at 7:00 p.m., at the Tarentum Community Center. There will also be a cake auction.

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Mt. Olive Baptist Church To Have Homecoming Sunday, October 10th

Homecoming will be held on Sunday, October 10, 1993, at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, located in the Pine Level Community, Elba, Alabama. The morning worship services will begin at 11:00 a.m. with the Rev. Herman Daniels, former pastor, as guest speaker. Following the morning services there will be a covered dish dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Beginning at 1:30 p.m., the Singing Doves Family will perform concluding Homecoming festivities. Everyone is invited to attend.

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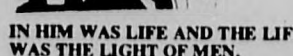
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Views From THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mulaz, Sports Editor

School has been in for over a month and one change that I have really enjoyed is walking with Melanie to daycare every morning. She attends the daycare at the 1st Baptist Church, which is only two blocks from the house, and every morning I carry her lunchbox and hold her hand as we make the short trip. So far we have talked about the weather, the sun, cars, fog and how important it is to look both ways before crossing the street. I assure you it's a great way to start the day!

KICKING GAME CONTINUES TO HAUNT ELBA TIGERS

There is an old saying that "Close only counts in horseshoes and hand grenades." Well, if close did count in football, the Elba Tigers would be standing at 4-0 and still ranked #1 in the state in 3A circles. Since it doesn't, the Tigers find themselves with a 1-3 record and no where to go but up!

The Elba Tigers lost their season opener to Charles Henderson 21-20 after missing two extra-points, then lost to Georgiana 27-20 in a game in which the Tigers were on the 3-yardline when the game ended. After a big Area 4 win over Luerne, the Tigers lost to Opp last Friday night 7-6, and once again missed the all-important extra-point, which left Elba 0-7 in extra-points for the season. The Tigers have come close; however, leakers don't count, and Elba is off to a 1-3 start, no matter how you look at it.

The Elba offense looked very impressive in the second half against Opp and the Tiger running backs ate up huge chunks of yardage in the middle of the Bobcat defense. Elba moved to a first down on the Opp 15-yardline in the first quarter, only to fail to score, and moved across midfield on two other occasions, only to see drives stall, either because of Elba mistakes or a long 24-yard penalty. The Tigers found nothing easy in the second half and it looked like they would never score, until the closing seconds of the game when the Tigers went to the shotgun and let Keith Grantham use his strong right arm. Grantham took Elba down the field in only 42 seconds as he passed to Chris Tyson and Josh Caldwell, with Caldwell pulling in the 22-yard pass that put the Tigers on the scoreboard. Elba's offense looked good at times Friday night and not so good at others. However, all in all, the Tigers did show improvement on the offensive side and once again showed that better days are coming.

The Elba defense played its best half of the season in the first half against Opp as the Tigers held the Bobcats to only 38 yards in total offense and totally shutdown the explosive Opp passing attack. Elba was strong in the middle and quick on the ends, and against the pass the Elba backs got to the ball quicker than did the Bobcat receivers. The second half was a different story, as Opp began moving the ball in the middle, and in the final stanza the Tigers held on like a weary fighter as Opp simply pounded the football against Elba on the ground. The Elba defense had its best game of the season, by far, and let everyone know that the Tigers are growing teeth on defense and pretty soon may begin tearing opponents up. Demaris Barnes and Rudy Free both had big nights, as did Jason Holley and Josh Caldwell. The defense may be young, but it is growing up fast.

The Vaughn may have had the best night punting in many, many years for an Elba Tiger. Vaughn boomed a 71-yard punt and a 55-yard punt that kept Opp backed up, and in the night averaged over 52 yards per kick. Quite a night for the junior stand-out.

Elba may have lost to Opp 7-6 and seen its record slip to 1-3; however, I think the Tigers may have lost the battle, but at the same time may have taken giant steps toward winning the war. The Elba players are tired of losing and a little down after losing three games they could have won, but the players need to remember that they have lost to three pretty darn good football teams and easily could have won all three. The Tigers need to forget their record and concentrate on improving in the areas that have caused problems over the opening four weeks. There is no doubt that Elba is a much better team right now than it was back in its opening game, and the players will realize why they are better, maybe better days will come in a hurry!

WEEK #4 NOT SO KIND TO AREA FOOTBALLERS

The fourth week of the high school football season is no history and it wasn't a very good week for you yell for New Brockton or Kinston, as both teams really took it on the chin. There was plenty to cheer about for the folks from Brantley and Zion Chapel, and here is a look back at what took place in week #4....

ZION CHAPEL (3-1) had its hands full with a talented St. James team, but battled back in the second half and pulled out a very impressive 26-14 win. The Rebels are winning that is so impressive. The Rebels have had to stage comebacks to win all three games and have gotten stronger in every game as the game has progressed. Zion Chapel has worked hard for its wins and has shown real pride and determination.

BRANTLEY (4-0) came back to life with an easy 46-0 win over lowly McKenzie. The Bulldogs took the night off in a win over Red Level and then barely escaped with an overtime win over Goshen, making many wonder if the Bulldogs may be overconfident. I guess not! Brantley dominated in every aspect of the game against McKenzie and has now allowed only one touchdown in four games. The Bulldogs are good, and only time will tell how good they will be.

NEW BROCKTON (1-3) had problems during the week and it showed Friday night as the Gamecocks got waxed 42-13 in a game that wasn't even as close as the lopsided score. The Gamecocks' confidence and enthusiasm took a nosedive after the loss to Zion Chapel and some of the players weren't sure if all the hard work was worth it. After the big loss to Goshen, the players should realize that if they don't work hard they will get embarrassed.

KINSTON (0-4) remained winless after being pounded by Brantley and the Bulldogs have to keep their heads up and believe that better days are coming. Kinston has a team that includes only three seniors, making the Bulldogs one of the youngest teams anywhere to be found, and the youngsters must not worry about the losses and keep focused on improving. Kinston won't win many games this season; however, the kids up at Zion Chapel have shown what hard work and dedication can accomplish, and the kids down in Kinston must believe they too can turn it around.

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Rolling around the state this week, it became obvious that favorites have

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already been determined in just about every class. I know it's early and that anything can happen, but here's a quick look at the state preppers and what it looks like after four weeks of action.

CLASS 1A - Courtland dominated a solid Hatton team 35-20 to improve to 3-0 on the season and it is clear to see that the Chiefs are the team to beat in this class. Brantley and Cedar Bluff are among the teams to keep an eye on, but the clear cut favorite here has to be Courtland.

CLASS 2A - Perennial powers Reeltown and Hazlewood are both 2-2 after the opening four weeks of the season, which makes the early favorite in this class the Leroy Bears. Leroy went 4-0 with a 14-3 win over unbeaten Trinity and has now outscored four very good opponents 79-10. You have to keep an eye on Hazlewood, since it has won five straight crowns, but also keep a watch on Fyffe and Georgiana.

CLASS 3A - Southern Chestaw is the clear cut choice here after winning four straight and pounding 3rd ranked St. Pauls 19-7. The Indians have athletes like no other team in the 3A ranks, and should cruise through the season and into the playoffs. If the Indians do stumble, look for Hanceville or Fullondale to be ready to step in and take charge.

CLASS 4A - Daleville named its score in a 54-0 win over Headland and the Warhawks are convinced they are a shoe-in to win their second straight state title. The Hawks may well be as good as they think, but the Daleville offense is a little suspect despite the big score against Headland and in this corner don't look as strong as they did last season. If the Hawks get shot down, look for T.R. Miller or Alexandria to be more than ready to move atop the poll.

CLASS 5A - Top ranked Dora took it on the chin last week, and defending champ Blount lost the week before. So, this may be the class that has no real clear cut favorite. Dora is an outstanding team, as is Blount, and both should be near the top of the rankings throughout the season, as should Oxford and Escambia County. Hey, you're guess is as good as any in this wide-open class.

CLASS 6A - Robert E. Lee remained unbeaten and unchallenged with a 28-0 cakewalk over Booker T. Washington, but the Generals haven't exactly looked like a team that is dominant and could be having some problems. Berry and Enterprise are mighty good and could challenge the Generals, as could Vigor. This class may be more wide-open than many think.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PRIMED FOR PREP PICKS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator came by the office over the weekend and declared that the state needs to outlaw the extra-point kick in the 3A ranks. He didn't say why he wanted the change, but did still have on his Elba Tiger banner from the Opp game. Oh well, the local guesser did hit on 31 of 36 picks last week to go 104-28 for the season, which ain't too shabby. Here are the picks for week #5....

ZION CHAPEL VS. COFFEE SPRINGS

Teams that visit Coffee Springs must park their bus next to a cemetery, and more than a few teams have seen their high hopes die on the field. The Golden Bears simply call "The Rock." Zion Chapel is 3-1 and flying high, while Coffee Springs is 1-3 and wondering what went wrong. The Rebels better send out their scouts, because I smell an ambush!

COFFEE SPRINGS 20 ZION CHAPEL 18

SPORTS

Open date comes at good time for Elba

The Elba Tigers get a much needed open date this week after stumbling out of the blocks with a

Area teams face tough challengers

The high school football season reaches its midway point this week and for the teams in the local area will be another in a long series of tough games.

The (3-1) Zion Chapel Rebels will be on the road to battle the (1-3) Coffee Springs Golden Bears, while the (0-4) Kinston Bulldogs will host the (4-0) Brantley Bulldogs. Brantley Bulldogs will challenge arch-rival (0-4) Luerne and the (1-3) New Brockton Gamecocks will travel to meet the (3-1) Geneva County Bulldogs.

Following are brief looks at this week's games:

ZION CHAPEL VS. COFFEE SP.

The Zion Chapel Rebels will put their three game winning streak on the line Friday night when they travel to Coffee Springs to meet the struggling Golden Bears.

The Rebels have used the running of Jeremy Till and Roy Stewart and an aggressive defense to become the surprise team of the area, and Rebel fans are convinced that the '93 Rebels are for real!

Coffee Springs was expected to be one of the top teams in the area; however, the Golden Bears have struggled throughout the season offensively and despite the presence of

Brantley blanks McKenzie

The Brantley Bulldogs made it look easy Friday night as they clobbered the winless McKenzie Tigers 46-0, in Brantley.

The win improved Brantley's record to 4-0, while McKenzie slipped to 0-4 with the Tigers' 14th straight defeat.

Mario Jones gained 91 yards and scored touchdowns on runs of 49, 1 and 4 yards to spark the Bulldogs, while Brantley quarterback Derek Caldwell hit on 7 of 10 passes for 132 yards and one touchdown, a 30-yarder to Andrew Kilcrease.

Eric Crenshaw added two scores on a 17-yard run and a 12-yard fumble recovery, and Austin Cauley wrapped up the scoring with an 11-yard touchdown run and five extra-points.

NEW BROCKTON VS. GENEVA COUNTY

The Gamecocks fell flat last week up in Goshen and this week must travel to Hartford to tangle with a bunch of Bulldogs that are plenty mad after being upset by Dale County. New Brockton has a chance if it can run the football with some success, but Geneva County is looking for someone to beat up on and it could be the Gamecocks!

GENEVA COUNTY 26 NEW BROCKTON 14

KINSTON VS. G.W. LONG

Kinston stands 0-4 for the season and many Bulldog fans feel like this is a game the 'Dogs must win. Long High is a little short on talent and wins this year. However, the Rebels are also looking forward to the game and should enjoy their ride back home!

LONG 22 KINSTON 20

BRANTLEY VS. LUVERNE

Brantley has one of its best teams ever, while Luerne is at the other end of the spectrum and may have one of its worst teams ever. The Bulldogs will be heavy favorites and should win easily; however, records mean nothing when these two meet and it will be closer than you might think!

BRANTLEY 10 LUVERNE 3

OTHER PICKS:

Carrollton 34 Akron 6
Arion 27 Wickburg 16
Beulah 44 Lyman Ward 12
Dallas County 20 Billingsley 13
Leroy 21 Colfeville 6
Prisco City 45 Essex 8
Houston Ac. 24 Highland Home 14
Goshen 26 Red Level 6
Holtville 29 Caholic 6
Louisville 8 Clayton 7
Headland 21 Cottonwood 12
Excel 34 McKenzie 6
Samson 27 Florala 20
Fyffe 35 N. Sand Min. 8
Georgiana 20 J.F. Shields 15
Hazlewood 14 West Limestone 0
Reeltown 16 Trinity 15
W.S. Neal 21 Straughn 0
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Enterprise 28 Tuscaloosa County 0
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but was unable to reach the endzone and at intermission the two teams went in still tied at 0-0.

The Elba defense, which held the Bobcats to only 38 total yards in the first half, began to bend in the third quarter, but came up with big plays on three consecutive Opp possessions to keep the Bobcats off the scoreboard.

A fumble recovery by Todd Hooks at the Elba 13-yardline turned a back one Opp threat, while a pass interception by Chris Kelley at the Elba 23 and a fumble recovery by Chris Vaughan at the Elba 28 killed two other Bobcat scoring chances.

Opp began its first, and only, possession of the fourth quarter at the Bobcat 21-yardline and this time reached paydirt as it marched 79 yards in 18 plays, and ate up almost 10 minutes of the clock.

The Bobcats, sparked by the running of Wesley Reynolds, converted on two third down conversions and one fourth down conversion during the long drive, and finally got on the scoreboard when Demetris Musgrove bulldozed over from five yards out. Jeremy Jones booted the extra-point and with 48-seconds left in the game Opp was on top and celebrating a 7-0 lead.

Elba punter ball in play at its own 31-yardline after a short kickoff and stunned the Bobcats and their fans by covering the distance to the goal line in only six plays!

Elba moved to a third down at the nine, but then lost yardage on a quarterback sack and came away empty-handed when a faked field-goal try slipped through the hands of an open Elba receiver inside the Bobcat five-yardline.

The Tigers began their next offensive series at the Elba 43-yardline and quickly moved to a first down at the Opp 43, but what should have been a 15-yard penalty against Elba was walked off as a 24-yard penalty, putting the Tigers all the way back at their 29-yardline, and killed the Tiger's momentum.

Elba crossed midfield on each of its final two drives of the first half,

but has managed to post a win only once.

In last week's loss, the Tigers dominated play in the opening half as they held the Bobcats to only 38 total yards in offense, and moved the ball almost at will on the ground against the Bobcats, only to come away empty-handed. The Bobcats did have better success in the second half, but failed to get on the scoreboard until only 48-seconds were left in the game. Elba's offense struggled in the second half and didn't threaten until the closing seconds, when Keith Grantham showed his passing skills and led the Tigers to a last-second score. Elba went for the tie with an extra-point try, but remained 0 for the season on p.a.'s and allowed Opp to escape with the 7-6 win.

There is no doubt the Tigers will give the kicking game plenty of work during the two-weeks of practice before the next game, as well as working hard to improve both offensively and defensively.

Elba's Bryan Foley (71) applies the crunch to an Opp runner. Foley and the Tigers will travel to Louisville next week with the Area 4 championship on the line.

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KINSTON VS. LONG

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Kinston played well in narrow losses to Zion Chapel and Florala and showed signs of becoming a solid team; however, last week the 'Dogs did nothing against Samson and have to be wondering which team will show up Friday night.

G.W. Long was expecting another winning season, but has only one win after four long weeks. The Rebels have the talent to win on any given night and their fans are sure the wins will come.

Both teams will be looking forward to this matchup and it should be one of the better games in the area.

BRANTLEY VS. LUVERNE

The Brantley Bulldogs will put their perfect record and lofty ranking on the line Friday night when they travel up the road to tangle with the winless Luerne Tigers.

Brantley looked invincible in its opening win over Arion, and came back to life last week after narrow wins over Red Level and Goshen to



NO FREE RUNNING ROOM TONIGHT! Elba sophomore defensive-end Rudy Free (89) blocks the path of an Opp running back. Free led the Tiger defense to one of its top outings of the season, especially in the first half, when Opp managed only 38 yards in total offense.

Elba comeback falls short in 7-6 loss to Opp

By Ricky Mulaz, Sports Editor

The Elba Tigers saw their kicking woes continue Friday night when a missed extra-point allowed the Opp Bobcats to claim a 7-6 win, in Opp.

The win improved Opp's record to 4-0, while Elba slipped to 1-3 with the loss.

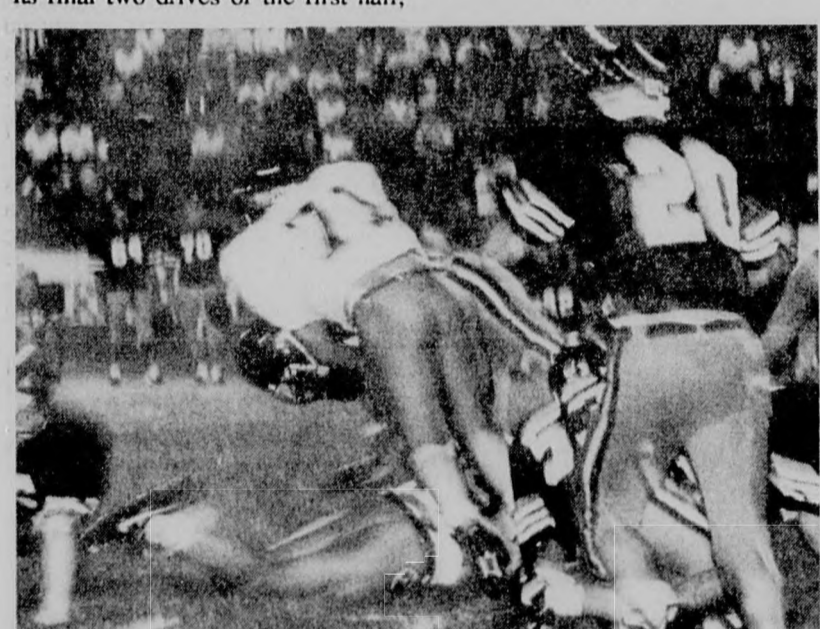
Elba kicked off to open the game, but got the ball back at its own 20-yardline on an Opp punt and began a drive that would move to a first down at the Bobcat 15-yardline.

Derrick Kyles and Chris Tyson ripped off a total of 52 yards in only five carries to get the drive started, while a 10-yard scamper by Keith Grantham and a pass interference penalty against Opp gave the Tigers a first down at the Bobcat 15-yardline.

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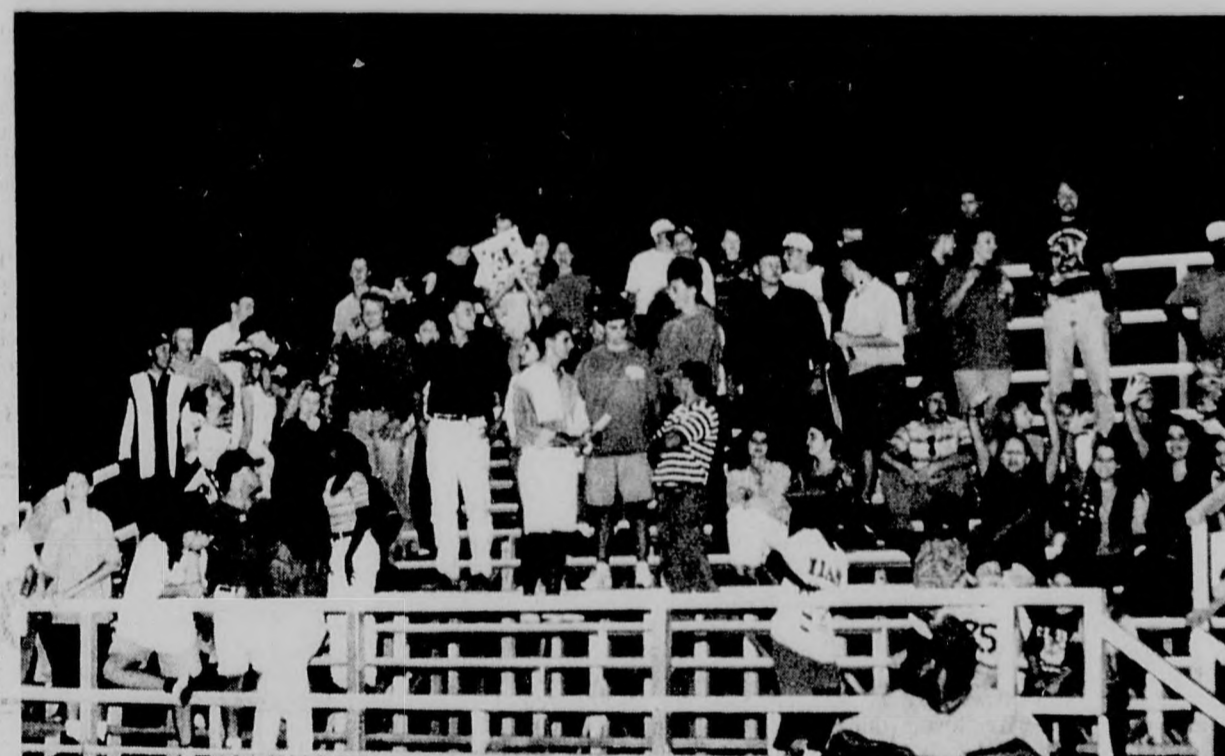
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Elba's Roscoe Coleman (28) heads upfield on a reverse during action Friday night against the Opp Bobcats. The Tigers fell to Opp 7-6 to slip to 1-3 on the season. Elba will be open this week, but next week will travel to Louisville in hopes of winning the Class 3A, Area crown.



Many in the Elba crowd were on their feet in the closing minutes of the game Friday night as the Tigers staged a late rally. The comeback fell short; however, as the Bobcats won 7-6.

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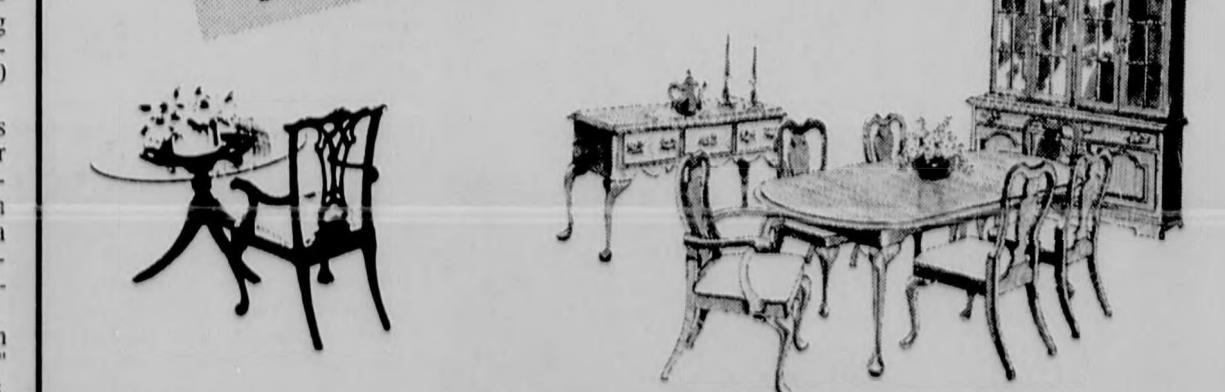
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Rebels trash Trojans 26-14

By Cate Shiver, Sports Writer

The Zion Chapel Rebels made it three wins in a row Friday night with an impressive 26-14 homecoming win over the St. James Trojans.

The win capped Zion Chapel's record to 3-1, while St. James slipped to 2-2 with the loss.

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Three plays later Jeremy Till scampered in from 13 yards out, and even though the play was blocked, the Rebels were on top 6-0 with 9:58 still left in the opening quarter.

The Zion Chapel defense came up with another Trojan fumble at the Rebels 39-yardline to stop a St. James march, and once again the Rebel offense cashed in on the break.

Zion Chapel struggled for three downs, however, on fourth down David Nunn faked a punt and gained 13 yards to give the Rebels a big first down.

The score came on a 19 yard run by Jeremy Till, but the two-point try failed, leaving Zion Chapel with a 12-0 advantage with 1:58 still left in the quarter.

Zion Chapel got the ball right back when a fourth down gamble by the Trojans was foiled by an outstanding defensive play by Josh Pre-

scott, but this time the Rebels didn't take advantage of the defensive stand and had to punt the ball back to the visitors from Montgomery.

St. James showed it too could find its way to the endzone and marched 60 yards to get on the scoreboard. Cade Armstrong got the TD on a four yard run and the Trojans tucked on the extra-point, cutting the Zion Chapel lead to 12-7.

Zion Chapel took the second half kickoff and drove 68 yards in 9 plays, only to be turned back empty-handed when on fourth down a 14-yard pass to Elliott Lipton was one foot short of the yardage needed for the first down.

St. James again displayed its brand of power football and this time marched 83 yards in 8 plays to take the lead.

Mark Derry got the Trojan score with a 5-yard touchdown run, and the extra-point was again successful, giving St. James a 14-12 lead with 2:23 remaining in the third quarter.

Zion Chapel was down, but not for long, as the Rebels took the ensuing kick and marched 59 yards to the endzone.

Roy Stewart got the score on a 16 yard run, and Jeremy Till dove over for the two-point conversion as Zion Chapel regained the lead at 20-14 with 10:02 left in the game.

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Zion Chapel quarterback Chris Hodge (5) looks for a receiver in last week's big homecoming win over St. James. This week the Rebels will travel to Coffee Springs and will be hunting their fourth straight win of the season.



Zion Chapel cheerleaders had plenty of reasons to smile Friday night as the Rebels ripped St. James 26-14 to improve their record to 3-1 on the season. Zion Chapel will tangle with Coffee Springs this week in a big 1A battle.

New Brockton blasted by Goshen 42-13

By Greg Brunson, Sports Writer

The New Brockton Gamecocks ran square into a boozed-up Friday night in the form of the Goshen Eagles and took it on the chin 42-13, in Goshen.

Goshen took the opening kickoff and promptly marched 84 yards for its first points of the night. Tony Hooten ended the nine play drive with a 5-yard touchdown run with 7:59 left in the first quarter and Scott Fortune added the extra-point to give

The Eagles the quick 7-0 lead.

A Gamecock fumble on their first snap gave the ball right back to Goshen, and two plays later Hooten raced in from 14 yards out for his second score of the night. The pair, 7:59 left in the first quarter and Scott Fortune added the extra-point to give

The Eagles scored quickly on their next possession as Matt Donaldson hit Terrell Wheeler on a 60-yard touchdown pass. Donaldson ran in for the two-point conversion and Goshen was on top 21-0, with play still in the opening stanza.

Goshen added two more touchdowns before halftime on a 30-yard run by Leon Cowart and a 6-yard run by Demetric Berry. Both conversions were successful, making the Goshen lead 35-0 at the half.

The New Brockton fans finally had something to cheer about as the second half opened with an exciting 92 yard kickoff return for a touchdown by the Gamecock's Chris Green. Cedric Williams added the extra-point as New Brockton cut the lead to 35-7 with 11:46 left in the third quarter.

Curtis Jackson scored the Eagles' final touchdown of the night when he intercepted a Gamecock pass and returned it 46 yards for a score with 1:01 left in the third quarter, while the Gamecocks managed a late score on a six yard run by Chris Green to make the final score Goshen 42 New Brockton 13.

The Eagles were led offensively by Tony Hooten with 128 yards and two touchdowns on only 8 carries. The Gamecocks were led by Chris Green with 28 yards on nine tries.



New Brockton's Chris Green (23) fights for yardage against the stubborn Goshen defense. Green scored two touchdowns in the 42-13 loss last week.

Elba Little League Football league to have auction

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Kinston falls to Samson 39-8

By Phillip Miles, Sports Writer

The Samson Tigers scored two touchdowns in the first eight minutes of the game and then put it in cruise as they pounded the Kinston Bulldogs 39-8, in Kinston's home opener.

The loss left the Bulldogs with an 0-4 record, while Samson went 4-0 with the win.

Samson received the opening kickoff and wasted no time getting on the scoreboard by rushing six straight times to cover 65 yards to the endzone. Derrick Carter had a 35-yard scamper that moved the Tigers deep into Bulldog territory, while Patrick Morgan got the score on an 11-yard run. Johnny Cade hit the extra-point, and Samson was ahead for good at 7-0 with 8:55 left in the first quarter.

The Tigers got the ball back on a short Kinston punt and this time marched 30 yards in seven plays to increase their lead. Patrick Morgan had a 15 yard run to put Samson

close to the goalline, and Derrick Carter got the TD on a seven yard dash. The extra-point try sailed wide, but with 4:11 remaining in the opening stanza Samson was on its way with a 14-0 advantage.

Kinston's Joe Davis had a big defensive play to stop the Tigers on their next possession, however, Samson got the ball right back on a Bulldog punt and this time drove 56 yards to paydirt, with the touchdown coming on a 58-yard pass from Derrin Cantelero to a streaking Johnny Cade. Cade missed the point, but Samson still left on top 19-0 with 10:20 still left in the second quarter.

Kinston's offense showed signs of life on the ensuing possession as the Bulldogs moved to a first down at the Samson 48-yardline, with the big play being an 18-yard halfback pass from Jason Wambles to Anthony Jones. The Dogs stalled after crossing midfield, and once again punted the ball away.

Kinston received the second half kickoff, but failed to mount any offense.

Kinston had a long touchdown pass nullified by a penalty late in the game, and never got close again, as Samson claimed the 39-8 win.

Kinston was led by Jason Wambles with 92 yards on 17 carries, while Anthony Jones caught three passes for 52 yards.

Anthony Jones made 4 tackles and had 4 assists to lead the Kinston defense and Jeremy Mack also had 4 stops, 4 assists and one fumble recovery.

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Kinston's Michael Simmons (5) jumps high in an attempt to break up a pass. The Bulldogs will host G.W. Long this week in search of their first win of the season.

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ALABAMA HOME EQUITY - 1st & 2nd mortgage loans, bill consolidation, home improvement, refinancing. \$10,000 - \$117,000; \$20,000 - \$234,0

Elba Mayor Proclaims Week Of October 3-9 Public Natural Gas

Elba Mayor Ricky Haywood declared the week of October 3 - 9 as Public Natural Gas Week, with the proclamation reading as follows:

Voters of District 5
Thank you for your vote of confidence. Your comments and concerns are not only welcomed but also desired. I am privileged to be able to serve you. Since I'm a newcomer, I ask for your patience and continued support.

Thank You,
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Pd Pol Adv by L. M. Burch, 997 Winston St., Elba, AL 36323



PUBLIC NATURAL GAS WEEK;

and WHEREAS, The Southeast Alabama Gas District is publicly-owned natural gas system; and

WHEREAS, The Southeast Alabama Gas District serves some 14 member towns and cities in the southeast Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Elba is a member city being served by said natural gas system; and

WHEREAS, The Southeast Alabama Gas District serves in excess of 32,000 customers in the aforementioned area; and

WHEREAS, the progress of this entire area is greatly influenced by The Southeast Alabama Gas District, making affordable energy available for home and industry;

BE IT THEREFORE KNOWN, that I, Ricky Haywood, Mayor of the City of Elba, hereby proclaim the week of October third through ninth in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Three, **PUBLIC NATURAL GAS WEEK**, for the City of Elba, Coffee County, Alabama.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed:

Ricky Haywood
Jeff Goodson, Attest
September 27, 1993

Peanut Update

Richard L. Petcher-Associate County Agent

At this point in our peanut harvest at 20% dig, I believe our county average will be close to one ton per acre. Most farmers are averaging around 500 pounds less than their normal yields. Most every producer has some fields that are hurting and maybe a few fields he wishes he had never planted. A few farmers have had a crop failure, and it is all because of the rains.

I know of only two farmers who have had a better crop than every, and that too was because of the rains. Their peanuts were on good land, had an excellent rotation and never hurt for rain.

Our farmers have all done an excellent job this year by planting quality seed, spraying and doing everything on time.

Peanut harvest is just starting. Only 20% of our peanuts are dug and only 10% picked and graded.

That puts us a little behind on a normal harvest. Because of the drought, our early planted peanuts are two or three weeks later than normal in maturing. A peanut plant normally starts blooming at 30 to 35 days of age. Our early peanuts were in a drought at that time. During the end of May and June it was so hot and dry that very few peanuts bloomed and pegged down. Around the first of July the rains came and the peanuts bloomed and set a crop. The peanuts planted were already 40 to 55 days old before they started early blooming. Some varied drought periods throughout the summer also extended this maturing time as peanut plants sort of go dormant and stop growing during drought stress.

The number one question in the Wiregrass right now is, "When do I dig my peanuts?" This is a hard decision and a major decision. There is so much money to be made or lost from this one decision. The timing to dig is so important. I would like to encourage growers to check their peanuts and see if they are really ready. Don't just dig because your neighbor is digging or just dig because they are 135 days old. The average digging date so far has been 149 days and many peanuts have not been ready until 150 plus days.

Sometimes a farmer may send his wife to New Brockton to have peanuts tested. I mentioned to one lady that she had a fairly long drive to come to New Brockton to have peanuts tested. She said, "Most of us think nothing of driving all the way

to Dothan and Montgomery to shop and spend money. Why not go a short distance to New Brockton to make some money by determining the optimum digging time?"

I want to stress that we are not telling people when to dig, but it really gives a farmer a clearer picture of how his crop has set so he can decide when to dig.

When you're using the Hull-scraper chart, you don't want to go just by the colors. You want to open the peanut hull to see how mature the kernel really is. A mature kernel will have a copper skin. At 7-10 days the peanut skin starts getting freckles. At 3 days it is half freckled and at 0 days it is totally copper. There is also a taste test. The immature peanut goes from bitter to mildly bitter to partially sweet to a deli-

cious almost coconut sweet flavor. This also tells you if a peanut is ready to dig.

In 1990, only 30% of our growers used the Hull-scraper. Then 50% in 1991 used this method and last year 65%. This year already 80% of our growers have used it.

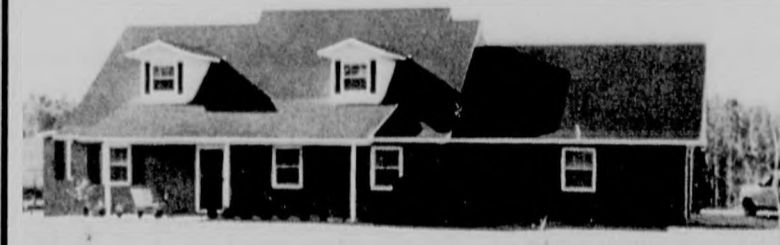
Still too many people dig because they want to be first, or wait until their neighbors dig because they planted about the same time or dig by planting dates.

This has been another tough year for growing peanuts. There are not many vocations in life that are as heart breaking as farming, and yet you never hear the farmers around here complain or grumble. There is a tremendous amount of respect due these men—those who made a crop and especially those who didn't.

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Highlands - Queen Size Sleeper Sofa's (was \$499.95)..... Now \$295.00
Bushline - 2 pc. Contemporary Reclining Sofa & Reclining Loveseat (was \$899.95)..... Now \$688.00
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National - Early American Sofa in a Floral Design Pillow Arms (was \$449.95)..... Now \$248.00
National - 2 pc. Country Style Sofa Sleeper & Loveseat (was \$1199.95)..... Now \$688.00
La-Z-Boy - 2 pc. Country Style Sofa & Loveseat with Camel back (was \$1749.95)..... Now \$898.00

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Gold Harp - Brass Daybed with Mattress & Link Spring (was \$299.95)..... Now \$168.00
Harden - 4 Drawer Pine Finished Chest (was \$89.95)..... Now \$45.00
Harden - 4 pc. Bedroom Suite/Dresser, Mirror, Chest, & Bed (was \$599.95)..... Now \$288.00
V. B. Williams - 4 pc. Suite/Dresser, Lighted Mirror, Chest, Bookcase Headboard (was \$1099.95)..... Now \$688.00
Vaughan - "All wood" 4 pc. Suite/Dresser, Mirror, Chest, Cannonball Bed (was \$1499.00)..... Now \$888.00
Gold Harp - White Metal Bunk Bed with 2 Mattresses (was \$499.95)..... Now \$295.00

Dinettes

Tice - "Solid Wood" Pine Bench Dinette with 2 Side Chairs (was \$599.95)..... Now \$248.00
Imperial - Laminated Butcher Block Table with 4 Hunter Green Chairs (was \$399.95)..... Now \$228.00
Oak Craft - "Solid Wood" Butcher Block Table with 6 White Chairs (was \$899.95)..... Now \$525.00
Imperial - Pine Table & 4 "Solid Pine" Chairs (was \$349.95)..... Now \$168.00

Recliners

Astro - 2 position Blue Velvet Recliner (was \$199.95)..... Now \$99.00
Lane - "Leather Finese" 3 Pillow back Rocker Recliner (was \$699.95)..... Now \$388.00
La-Z-Boy - Plush Velvet Rocker Recliners (was \$399.95)..... Now \$248.00
La-Z-Boy - Overstuffed "Big Man" Rocker Recliner (was \$549.95)..... Now \$328.00
La-Z-Boy - Wing Back Rocker Recliner with Skirt (was \$599.95)..... Now \$348.00

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Deep South - Twin Size Mis-Matched Sets (was \$199.95)..... Now \$88.00
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